

REVIVE! NEWSLETTER

OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL FOR VIRGINIA

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Hello everyone,

We haven't been in touch for quite a while, but for good reason. We've been all over Richmond and Southwest Virginia getting REVIVE! up and running! Please distribute this to anyone you think would be interested in REVIVE! If they would like to receive the newsletter directly, they can send their contact information to Jason at jason.lowe@dbhds.virginia.gov.

WALL STREET JOURNAL COVERS NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION

The Wall Street Journal recently covered naloxone distribution, noting the increased efforts nationwide to expand access to naloxone. Read more here: <http://online.wsj.com/articles/states-expand-access-to-overdose-reversal-drug-1409247874>

SAMHSA ISSUES FAQ

SAMHSA recently issued a Frequently Asked Questions document concerning the expansion of naloxone programs. You can find that document here: http://dpt.samhsa.gov/pdf/Expansion%20of%20naloxone%20FAQ_REV_R060914B.pdf

OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE AT FIRST TRAINING EVENTS

Our first Training of Trainer events were held in the pilot areas in June. At those events, 61 trainers were trained. And those 61 trainers have been busy since then. To date, REVIVE! has trained 76 trainers and 188 lay rescuers, and more trainings are being scheduled all the time.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

The McShin Foundation will be hosting lay rescuer training events on September 11th and September 25th. Both trainings will begin at 6:00 PM at their office, located on the third floor at 2300 Dumbarton Road, Richmond, VA 23228. For more information, please contact McShin at 804-564-0132.

FUTURE TRAINING OF TRAINER (TOT) AND LAY RESCUER TRAINING EVENTS

Future training events will be announced via email. If you'd like to be on the distribution list for those emails, please let Jason know. We would like to hold more Training of Trainer Events in both pilot areas in the next two months. If you'd be interested in hosting or attending a Training of Trainer event to become a trainer for REVIVE!, please let Jason know.

SENATOR TIM KAINE ATTENDS REVIVE! TRAINING


Now that REVIVE! is active in the community, we are receiving considerable attention from the media. One Care of Southwest Virginia sponsored a lay rescuer training at the Russell county Conference Center in Lebanon on August 21st. Attendees included U.S. Senator Tim Kaine, D-VA. Senator Kaine spoke to his fellow trainees about the importance of REVIVE! and how excited he was to be able to attend and learn more about this program. Senator Kaine is now a trained lay rescuer and has his own naloxone kit.

For more information, you can read this article from the Bristol Herald Courier: http://www.tricities.com/news/article_972a95cc-2972-11e4-bae2-0017a43b2370.html



GOVERNOR MCAULIFFE INCLUDES TASK FORCE TO COMBAT PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND HEROIN ABUSE AS PART OF HIS TEN POINT PLAN FOR A HEALTHY VIRGINIA

Please see <https://governor.virginia.gov/news/newsarticle?articleId=6347> for more information, and stay tuned for additional details.



ATTORNEY GENERAL MARK HERRING ANNOUNCES PLAN TO FIGHT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

This week, Attorney General Herring announced new efforts to fight the abuse of opioids in Virginia. Included in this plan was a proposal for legislation to enact limited criminal immunity, a summit on opioid abuse in Charlottesville October 2nd, and a review of REVIVE! to consider potential expansion.

For more information, see this article from WDBJ 7, Roanoke:

<http://www.wdbj7.com/news/local/in-roanoke-herring-announces-initiatives-to-help-stop-overdoses/27931780>



DEA TO ALLOW RETURN OF UNUSED PILLS TO PHARMACIES

This week the Drug Enforcement Administration announced that individuals to return unused prescriptions to pharmacies. The rule, which takes effect October 9, also allows individuals to mail unused prescription drugs to authorized collectors using packages made available at pharmacies and other locations such as libraries and senior centers. Read more on this exciting news here: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/09/health/unused-pills-return-to-pharmacies.html>